

fish and environmental management in urban areas.

- Intensification of special inputs in highly malarious areas with emphasis on personal protection measures, community involvement through health education etc.

Besides this the Government of India has initiated an exercise of malaridogenic stratification based on certain patent parameters in the states of Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. This exercise has been completed in Karnataka and action plan has been prepared and is under implementation. Other step being proposed is intensified malaria control campaign in worse affected areas i.e. tribal areas.

Kala-azar – Specific action plans have been prepared in consultation with the concerned State Governments with the following strategies:—

- Systematic case detection and treatment of all patients with drugs like sodium Stibo Gluconate, Pentamidine etc.
- Interruption of transmission through vector control by undertaking residual insecticidal spraying in affected areas with two rounds of DDT.
- Improvement of general sanitation in and around the house to eliminate breeding ground or sandfly, the vector for Kala-azar.
- Intensification of health education activities for disease.
- Prevention
- Training of medical and para-medi-

cal personnel in the diagnosis and treatment of Kala-azar cases.

Schemes to Check Death Rate Among Infants and Mothers

4387. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce any health scheme in the country to check death rate among infants and mothers at the time of delivery;

(b) whether the Government have introduced any scheme to check malnutrition among the children belonging to weaker sections;

(c) if so, the details of those schemes; and

(d) the names of the Government Departments/Organisations associated with the implementation of those schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have been implementing several programmes for bringing down infant and maternal mortality rate in the country. The major initiatives/programmes include:

- (A) Universal Immunization Programme: to protect infants against poliomyelitis, tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, Tuberculosis and measles and pregnant women against tetanus.
- (B) Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme: for controlling deaths due to dehydration caused by diarrhoea

among children upto the age of 5 years.

- (C) Prophylaxis Schemes against nutritional anaemia among mothers and children and prophylaxis against blindness among children due to vitamin 'A' deficiency.

Integrated Child Development Services Schemes Balwadi Nutrition Programme, Wheat-based Nutrition Programme and the Crèches scheme are the schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Human Resources Development to check malnutrition among children belonging to weaker sections.

All the schemes are, however being implemented by the State Governments and U.T. administrations.

Superfast Train between Sahibganj and Ranchi'

4388. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a superfast train between Sahibganj and Ranchi to facilitate the passengers of Adivasi area of Bihar;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational & resource constraints and lack of commercial justification.

Seminar on Environment

4389. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to organise a seminar on environmental protection from use of petroleum products and coal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS. (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Plantation Programmes in Orissa

4390. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various plantation programmes being implemented in Orissa, district-wise; and

(b) the number of plants planted during each of the last three years and number of plants survived, district-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Afforestation and tree planting activities are being carried out in all the district of Orissa under various State Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes like:—